

career, and together they had three sons, Floyd, Richard, and David. Floyd loved spending time with his family and friends, gardening, bird watching, and rooting for his beloved West Virginia Mountaineers. Floyd was a Rotarian, as well as a Paul Harris Fellow and past president of the Southern Pines, NC, Rotary Club. Floyd was also a member of the church I attend, another community in which he will be sorely missed.

I am honored to have known Floyd and his wife, Ruth, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family. West Virginia owes him a debt of gratitude for his service to the State. I am proud to have called him a friend and fellow Mountaineer.

#### REMEMBERING JEREMY SHULL

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I would like to honor and pay tribute to my former staffer Jeremy Shull. Jeremy came to my office in 2004 as a fellow. He quickly advanced and became the deputy military legislative assistant in a short period of time. Jeremy was full of life, always had a big smile on his face, and brought a lot of joy into my office. I would like to share a bit about Jeremy's life and family and then about his time in my office.

At the age of only 35, Jeremy fell into the arms of Jesus, doing what he loved: climbing Capitol Peak in Aspen, CO, on August 6. He was the loving husband of 7 years to Jamie and the proud father of 2-month-old, Jack. Jeremy was born in Cincinnati, OH, on March 9, 1982, to his parents, Bob and Linda Shull, and was raised alongside his two brothers, Ben and Josh. From an early age, Jeremy's love of the outdoors and his leadership skills were apparent to all. He went on to graduate from Perrysburg High School, in Ohio, and Grove City College, in Pennsylvania, where he discovered his love of rugby and international travel.

After college, he made his way to Washington, DC, where he was involved in the Falls Church Fellows Program and worked on Capitol Hill in my office. During this time he met the love of his life, Jamie, at Summer's Best Two Weeks, a Christian sports camp in Boswell, PA, and the two were married in 2010. As a couple, Jeremy and Jamie lived and worked in Washington, DC, Uganda, and went to graduate school at Geneva College in Pennsylvania. In 2014, Jeremy earned his master's degree in counseling and eventually went on to earn his LAC and LPC licenses with concentrations in trauma and addictions.

Shortly after earning their degrees, Jeremy and Jamie moved out west to Parker, CO, to pursue their adventurous dreams. Jeremy worked at a crisis stabilization unit and in other settings where he counseled clients in their worst moments, helping them to create vision and hope for their futures. To quote Jeremy, he served others, "to sustain the weary and help cli-

ents overcome internal walls between them and a thriving life." This past May, they welcomed their beautiful son, Jack Ellis, into their family.

Jeremy is remembered by his wife, Jamie, and their 2-month-old son, Jack. He is survived by Bob and Linda Shull of Fairlawn, OH, brother Ben and his wife Emily Shull, and nieces Piper and Scout Shull of Cincinnati, OH, brother Josh Shull of Washington, DC, grandparents Norma Hissong of Bath, OH, Ken and Meg Shull of Seneca, South Carolina, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins in Ohio and South Carolina, mother and father-in-law Mike and Teri Maurer and brother-in-law Justin Maurer of Washington, DC.

In 2007, Jeremy traveled with me on a CODEL to Ireland, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, France, and Italy. The CODEL was en route to Africa when we had a required crew stop. The stop happened to be only about 45 miles away from where my daughter Molly was teaching and staying with her family. We only had about 24 hours on the ground, and it was meant for a time for us to adjust from jet lag, but Jeremy and I, along with my son-in-law and grandson, drove to the base of Mt. Grappa, which is close to sea level. Four hours later, we reached the top, which was 5,800 feet in elevation. We walked to the World War I monuments at the top of Mt. Grappa and hiked back down.

Later in the trip, when we had a break from our meetings, the delegation divided up and some of my staff decided to do a little sightseeing in Venice but Jeremy chose to stay back and play soccer with my daughter's kids. In doing so, he gave the rest of the delegation a real gift. Jeremy had been to Venice a few years before and had hidden a €100 note behind a brick in a wall hanging over one of the many canals. He gave us a list of clues as we went to Venice. Instead of sightseeing, we spent the time following the clues Jeremy gave to us and finally discovered the location. When our military escort pulled the brick out of the canal wall, he found the €100 note laying behind it. We took a photo of the note and then placed it back in the wall. We were careful to make sure that nobody saw us replace it. It was a very clever set of clues, and it became the most memorable times to visit Venice. Afterwards, we asked Jeremy why he hid this money in Venice and also in a couple other European cities. He said that one day he wanted to bring his future wife to Europe and take her on a treasure hunt. That was Jeremy. He was overflowing with adventure and very intentional in how he lived out his life of adventure.

Jeremy had a strong faith in Jesus Christ and lived his life to the full. Jeremy was best known for his adventurous spirit, curious nature, intentional relationships, and servant-heart. He was a volunteer firefighter and was devoted to his growing family. He put others first, and in a culture and gen-

eration that is more me focused, Jeremy was the opposite, always putting others before himself. I loved Jeremy—his steadfastness, his love for Jesus, and his desire to enjoy the outdoors that God created. He will be missed by everyone who was close to him and who he touched. He will also be missed by me and my office.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO GLORIA TANNER

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I wish to honor the remarkable life of Senator Gloria Tanner.

Throughout her career, Senator Tanner has excelled in the face of adversity and carried out her work with integrity, strength, grace, and humility. All of these qualities are rooted in a unique authenticity that she possesses, something that is seemingly lacking in today's politics.

Born in Atlanta, GA, in 1934, Senator Tanner witnessed the growth of the civil rights movement firsthand. She rose to become the first African-American woman to serve as a Colorado State senator and the second African American to be elected to a leadership position in the Colorado House of Representatives, where she served for five terms and as the chair of the minority caucus.

In 1974, Senator Tanner received a B.A. in political science and graduated magna cum laude from Metro State University of Denver. She subsequently received a master of arts in urban affairs at the University of Colorado in 1976 and graduated from the American Management Association Program for Women in Top Managerial Positions. She also graduated from the Women in Leadership Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Leadership College, Executive Education, Keenan-Flagler Business School at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Senator Tanner became active in politics when she moved to Colorado in 1960 in unison with John F. Kennedy's election. She has served many roles in government, ranging from an administrative assistant to the Office of Hearings and Appeals at the U.S. Department of Interior, the executive assistant to Colorado Lieutenant Governor George L. Brown, to an elected member of the Colorado House of Representatives. In the Colorado House, she has served as chair of the minority caucus. She was also elected president of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative-Women and served as an executive board member and chairperson of the finance committee of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She has also served on the Colorado Black Round Table, as a member of the Women's Forum of Colorado, and finally, as a Colorado State senator.

Senator Tanner succeeded Regis Groff in 1994 and held a seat until 2000.

Within her 6 years of service as a Colorado State senator, Senator Tanner sponsored legislation on key issues such as marital discrimination in the workplace and worked tirelessly for civil rights for women and minorities and parental rights for adoptive parents. She was one of six legislators selected to serve on the powerful joint budget committee. In serving on the JBC, Senator Tanner secured a quarter of a million dollars to help restore the town of Dearfield, CO, which was originally created to assist former slaves and their families. She was a strong legislative advocate for women and children throughout her service as a senator.

In retirement, Senator Tanner continues to serve the public. In 2001, she established the Senator Gloria Tanner Leadership and Training Institute for Future Black Women Leaders of Colorado, FBWLLOC. Senator Tanner believes the institute is “essential to the well-being and growth of our community” to identify, prepare, educate, and encourage Black women to take on leadership roles in the public and private sectors.

Senator Tanner’s contributions to our community and State are abundant and unprecedented. Through all of her life experiences, she has continued to serve the American people with unwavering integrity and grace. A recipient of the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award, her success is immeasurable.

We all owe a debt of gratitude and deep respect to Senator Gloria Travis Tanner for her life achievements and service to the people of Colorado. I thank her for her service to Colorado, our Nation, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.●

#### 2017 IDAHO HOMETOWN HERO MEDALISTS

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 2017 Idaho Hometown Hero Medalists.

Members of Idaho communities nominate their fellow community members for the Idaho Hometown Hero Medal. The medal honors individuals who are extraordinarily dedicated to hard work, self-improvement, and community service. Drs. Fahim and Naeem Rahim established the Idaho Hometown Hero Medal in 2011 to recognize outstanding Idahoans working for the betterment of our communities.

Ten Idahoans working in various fields are 2017 Hometown Hero Medal recipients, and I understand that this year special emphasis is being placed on those who “Overcome Adversity” as the 2017 theme of the awards. Century High School principal Sheryl Brockett, of Pocatello, is being honored for her two decades of dedicated service to educating youth in which she also led her school to excel in providing educational opportunities. Dr. Jacob DeLaRosa, a cardiothoracic surgeon from Pocatello, overcame significant

injuries from a car accident to walk again, continue providing surgical care, and significantly contribute to the community by expanding area surgical operations. Lee Hammett, president of the board of directors for the Community Dinner Table, is being recognized for his extensive work to reduce hunger and loneliness and helping to bridge cultural and religious differences in Bingham County. Owner of Barrie’s Ski and Sports Store Barrie Bennett Hunt, of Pocatello, received the medal for helping to provide others with quality access to the outdoors, inspiring active lifestyles, and giving considerably to his community, while also overcoming serious health challenges.

Executive director of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence Kelly Miller, of Boise, is a statewide leader in ending violence and has made a considerable difference in assisting Idaho families. Manager of Morgan Construction Matt Morgan, of Idaho Falls, is honored for his courageous voice in helping advance awareness of the sexual abuse of children and his support of others who have faced child abuse, such as he did. His efforts include founding “Building Hope Today.” World War II veteran Anton Newman served in the U.S. Army, assisting with recovery after the Hiroshima bombing, has farmed in Cambridge, and continues to be actively involved in the community encouraging and inspiring others while overcoming considerable health challenges. Retired U.S. Army COL Craig W. Nickisch, of Chubbuck, served our Nation with distinction in Central America, Europe, and Southeast Asia and continues to serve others in various roles locally and internationally. Shoshone-Bannock Tribe member and the Tribe’s public affairs manager Randy L Teton overcame adversity to reach educational goals and has encouraged Native American education, helping educate others about the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe’s history, culture, government, and economic projects. Eric Thomas, of Fremont County, has not let his disability and multiple health concerns stand in the way of him assisting others as an active member of Fremont County Search and Rescue for the past nearly 30 years.

These 10 remarkable Idahoans are now counted among the 66 Idahoans recognized through the Hometown Hero Award since its inception and the countless service-focused Idahoans who have not yet been honored but give immeasurably every day. I thank the Rahims, the award’s committee members, the cosponsors, volunteers, and other organizations supporting this honor for their work to shine a spotlight on exceptionalism in our communities.

Joining in recognizing the good works of Idaho’s Hometown Heroes is an honor. I also thank the award recipients for leading by example in our communities. You may never know

how many others you inspire to go above and beyond in assisting others and improving our communities, but there is no doubt you are leaving a lasting, positive mark in many lives. Congratulations to the 2017 Hometown Hero Award recipients on your achievements, and thank you for your efforts to better our communities.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RUSTY TALBOT

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, this month, I am proud to recognize Rusty Talbot, of Sugar Hill, NH, as our Granite Stater of the Month for his dedication to supporting our vibrant North Country communities.

As the founder and owner of the North Country Climbing Center, Rusty and his wife have built a small business that has been described as an “inclusive community,” where he strives to create a welcoming environment for both experienced climbers and beginners. He has worked diligently to engage with various organizations throughout the community, like the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country, which empowers individuals who experience disabilities to experience rock climbing.

Rusty is also involved with local business and entrepreneurship groups, including the Franconia Notch Regional Chamber of Commerce, the North of the Notch Young Professionals Network, the Littleton Rotary Club, and the Bethlehem Colonial Theatre. His commitment to supporting the local economy and other small businesses, in addition to his own successful climbing center, earned him Stay Work Play’s Young Professional of the Year award. As New Hampshire continues to work to attract young people, his nominator noted that Rusty has “reminded us why we chose to live and play in northern New Hampshire.”

In addition to running his business, Rusty also dedicates his time to the Sugar Hill Fire Department, where he is a volunteer firefighter, and the Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue Team, for which he is a lieutenant. Earlier this year, Rusty participated in the successful search and rescue effort for a hiker who had been missing in the White Mountain National Forest for days before he was found. In describing his motivation for volunteering for these critical public safety entities, Rusty says, “In this community, people help each other. Not because it’s required or because it’s our job to do so, but because we are all in this together.” That pervasive sense of selflessness and community solidarity is what makes the Granite State unique.

Throughout New Hampshire, citizens just like Rusty give back to their community, look out for their neighbors, and do what they can to help make our beautiful State a stronger place so we can all grow and thrive together. Rusty embodies the all-hands-on-deck spirit that we all strive to fulfill, and I am honored to recognize him as our Granite Stater of the Month for October.●